

Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in parts of California is abuse of its privileged access to the public airwaves. Public airwaves are being used in a partisan way which is inconsistent with democracy.

During Elections it is incumbent in the media to cover elections and issues, not to take sides. Selling airtime reflects fair play, donating airtime to one political party is not. Localism is not served when a corporate headquarters decides to provide one side in local elections a louder voice than others.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.